

# The Weekly Ledger.

R. M. WHITE, Editor and Proprietor.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30.

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## County Democratic Ticket.

For Congress, CHAMP CLARK.  
For Representative, JAMES BRADLEY.  
For Treasurer, F. V. GENTLY.  
For Sheriff, M. N. MELSON.  
For Attorney, R. D. RODGERS.  
For Collector, JAS. W. DOWELL.  
For Assessor, TAYLOR BERRY.  
For Surveyor, R. S. KIRKINNEY.  
For Coroner, N. R. RODES.  
For County Judge—Western District, H. T. SPURLING.  
For County Judge—Eastern District, GUY MCNE.  
For Constable of Salt River Township, A. P. JOHNSON.

DEMOCRATIC Clubs should be organized in every township in Audrain county.

REPUBLICANS don't care anything about the final question. They are after the office.

ARE you for Vest or Filley? That is the difference between Democracy and Republicanism.

AUDRAIN COUNTY, so far this year, contributes \$165.02 towards the support of the ex-Confederate Home at Higginsville.

If you area Democrat you will get in line with the Democratic party in Missouri and help elect the ticket from top to bottom.

THE Republicans want the pie, no matter whether they have to pay silver or gold. They will always be found at the pie counter ten deep.

If you want Vest to go to the United States Senate you will vote the Democratic ticket straight. If you are for Filley you will vote the Republican or Populist ticket.

SOME of the Fulton papers are so jealous of Mexico and our enterprises that they abuse the Clark & Potts Combination Horse Sale, which is one of the most successful held in Missouri.

THE Democrats are endeavoring to get together on the financial question. The Republicans evidently care nothing for principle. What they want is the offices and jobs. See the platform adopted by the Republican party in Audrain county assembled in Mexico last Saturday.

THE two public school houses should be connected by telephones. There should also be at least two telephones in the Court House. The business men and citizens of Mexico appreciate the value of telephone connections and our public men should keep pace with private citizens when it comes to matters of progress.

THE Republicans of Audrain County in convention assembled last Saturday adopted the following resolution on the financial question. Just what it means no one in or out of the convention is able or willing to tell.  
"Resolved, That it is the sense of this convention that we favor the largest use of silver consistent with its parity with gold and other circulating mediums."

THE State Democratic Committee met in Kansas City to-day to transact important business. Arrangements should be made to poll the various counties in the State and look after the organization in detail. The question to be decided in Missouri, in the year of our Lord, 1896, is whether Chaney L. Filley or George G. Vest will represent this State in the United States Senate.

A Query.  
To the Editor of the Ledger.  
Mexico, Mo., April 29.—If George Taylor should be called to-morrow or within the next few days, who would fix the date for his execution?

"X. Y. Z."  
The Supreme Court of Missouri would fix the date of his execution.

ED. LEDGER.

THE Booth Family Fight.  
If the Booths are sincere Christians, and are not puffed up with pride and self importance, what difference does it make whether a soul is saved through the plan of Gen. Booth, Booth-Tucker, Eva Booth or Ballington Booth? The main thing is to save souls. God's plan is the true one. More of God and Christ and less of the Booths would look better and inspire more confidence in Salvation Army and American Volunteer work. If the controversy in the Booth family keeps up, it will impair the usefulness of both organizations. Men may be very earnest and zealous in a work of this kind, and yet be lacking in common sense that their work amounts to nothing and brings discredit upon the cause which they espouse. The plan for the salvation of men was not invented by the elder or the younger Booth or any of the Booth family.

A Retraction.  
A small provincial paper, referring to a man who had a reputation for a careless toilet, announced as follows: "Mr. Makeup will wash himself before he assumes the office of parish clerk." On reading this, Makeup was furious, and he demanded a retraction, which the paper made thus:

"Mr. Makeup requests us to deny that he will wash himself before he assumes the office of parish clerk."—Tit-Bits.

In the burial certificates in Turkey Christians are not to be dead, but damned. For example, a burial certificate attested by the British Ambassador attested to the priest of an Armenian church that the "impure, polluted, stinking carcass of N—, this day damned (deceased), may be concealed under ground."

## A Cyclone in Kansas.

### DEATH AND DESTRUCTION IN A STORM NEAR CLIFTON, CLAY COUNTY.

Five Killed and Twenty Injured—Houses, Barns, Fences and Trees Laid Low.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 26.—A special to the Times from Topeka, Kas., says:

Five persons, at least, were killed outright, three fatally and 17 more or less injured and great destruction of property was caused by a cyclone which passed over Clay county last night.

The dead are: Frank Peterson, wife and child. Mrs. O. Haverson. A grandchild of Peter Anderson. The injured belong to the family of John Morris, F. Walker, Peter Anderson and H. Gardner.

Passengers on the Rock Island train from the West this afternoon brought partial details of the cyclone. It started about six miles south of Clifton and went in a northeasterly direction for 12 or 15 miles, then lost its force by spreading. It passed about half way between Clifton and Morganville. Its track varied from 150 yards to a quarter of a mile in width. It tore through a farming community and left nothing standing. Houses were blown down, trees torn up or broken, fences leveled and hay stacks blown in every direction.

The cyclone was followed by a terrific rain storm, which lasted several hours, flooding the devastated district. The cyclone took the people unawares. There had been indications of a heavy rain all day, with local showers, but nobody expected a storm.

So far as learned, the victims were in their houses, and the most of them had retired. The storm struck Peter Anderson's house at 9:30 o'clock. This was about a mile from the starting point. The house was demolished in an instant. Every member of the Anderson family was injured. When they had extricated themselves from the debris they discovered that Anderson's grandchild was missing. The dead body of the child was found this morning in a ravine half a mile away. It evidently had been carried there by the wind. Anderson alarmed the neighbors who lived out of the track of the storm, and search was commenced for victims, but little headway was made in the rain.

Couriers were sent to Clifton and Morganville for doctors, but it was dark when they arrived. The extent of the injuries and damages were known.

At noon to-day it was thought all the victims had been found. A large number of cattle and horses were killed, and fruit in the storm's track was ruined. It is impossible at this time to estimate the damage to buildings and other property. Heartrending tales of suffering are told by persons who visited the scenes of the storm. Many of the injured lay all night pinned down by wreckage or paralyzed in the mud, while others crawled or hobbled across the country to a neighbor's house.

In several instances people were lifted into the air by the cyclone and carried for a distance and then suddenly dropped. Buildings were lifted up and then hurled to the ground with a force enough to demolish them. The wife and daughter of John Morris were retiring when the shock came. The house was divided. The women managed to get out, when the wind picked them up, carried them 300 yards and let them safely down on a pile of straw, just away from the storm's track.

The people for miles around to-day gathered at the different points where damage had been done and rendered assistance in every possible way. The conductor on the Rock Island train said that the track of the storm looked like a piece of ground which had been leveled with a roller. Half a dozen telegraph poles were torn down where the cyclone crossed the road. Telegraph communication between Topeka and Clifton was cut off from the hour of the storm until 5 o'clock this morning. It is expected that much damage was done in the vicinity of Palmer, Washington county, but the details cannot be learned.

FRANCIS SHOOK JONES.

The Ex-Governor Said to Have Vigorously Resented the Editor's Aspersions.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 27.—It is reported on the streets that Ex-Governor David R. Francis became indignant on account of the article in Thursday's Post-Dispatch charging him with starting the rumor that Col. F. S. Slattery had committed suicide. The motive assigned to Francis was to save the accident insurance company, of which he is vice-president, a few thousand dollars.

It is said that Francis went to the Post-Dispatch office, branded the item in question as false and demanded a retraction. A late edition of the paper contained the denial, but no retraction.

Last night Francis is said to have met Jones on the street, to have called him a "lying scoundrel," to have shaken him forcibly and then let him go.

JEFFERSON CITY BRIDGE.

It is Expected That 25,000 People Will Visit the State Capital May 21 to Witness the Dedication.

Gov. W. J. Stone, Gen. Odon Guitar, of Columbia, Major John L. Bittinger, editor of the St. Joseph Herald, Judge John A. Hockaday, of Fulton, and Mayor Edwin Silver, of Jefferson City, will be the speakers at the dedication of the Jefferson City bridge May 21. Arrangements for the big celebration are about complete and Jefferson City would like to entertain the entire State on that occasion. Very low rates have been made by the railroads and it is expected that fully 25,000 people will visit Jefferson City on the day the bridge is dedicated.

The Missouri State Band Association will be in session at Jefferson City at the same time, and twenty-five of the best bands of the State will be in attendance.

Go to Bickley & Moore's for new catch family white fish. You can afford to buy them.

## ENTHUSIASM FOR BLAND.

The Situation as Looked on at the Silver Leader's Home.

LEBANON, Mo., April 27.—Lebanon, being the home of Hon. Richard P. Bland, is a political Mecca of much importance since the silver champion's Presidential boom has been launched. Encouraging news is received daily from different parts of the country relative to Mr. Bland's candidacy. Enthusiasm over his Presidential prospects is spreading throughout the South and West.

Bland clubs are being organized in every part of the West and South, and the cheering news is at once communicated here.

Hon. J. W. Farris received a telegram this evening from his brother, Charles L. Farris, of Louisville, Ill., saying:

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## TAYLOR AT CARROLLTON.

Styrene and a Saw Taken From the Murderer.

CARROLLTON, Mo., April 28.—In a little pocket case containing his children's hair, the officers to-day, while searching William Taylor, the murderer, found a quantity of styrene, and in his mouth a tiny steel saw. The notorious Meeks family murderer, who had just previous to the discovery been brought from Kansas City under a heavy guard, had made a last bold attempt to cheat the gallows.

When his last ray of hope dwindled before his eyes, the criminal sank in deep silence and his face betrayed the utter helplessness he felt.

Sheriff Stanley succeeded this morning in bringing Taylor from Kansas City to Carrollton without a particle of trouble. Last week arrangements were made with the Santa Fe Railway for a special car to be attached to the regular train at the Union Station, Kansas City, but no passengers were allowed in it. At the Grand Avenue Station, Sheriff Stanley, Allen, of Lincoln, and Charles K. Taylor, of Jackson, and 10 deputies, having in charge William Taylor, boarded the train. The ride to Carrollton was uneventful.

At 10 o'clock the train reached Carrollton. Three hundred persons were waiting to see Taylor on his return. He was so heavily guarded that he had to be helped from the car. As he walked along to the carriage in waiting, the people had a good view of him. Taylor had been in Kansas City only two weeks, but in that time he changed very much. To-day the silver threads showing through his cool black whiskers and hair, he is aged in appearance, though only 31 years of age.

Walking to his carriage, he talked with the deputies beside him, and the same old friend was on his face. This morning he was visited by a couple of gentlemen, and he laughed and joked with them just as a person would do who had no thought of death.

Taylor was taken to the jail in a carriage and the deputies were just behind in a large bus. It made one of the worst of times. Guns, large and small, were carried by the men. The jail was safely reached at 10:30 o'clock. On the arrival of Taylor at the jail, he was taken into one of the upper rooms, and the Sheriff and Allen, Deputies Roth and Shelton searched him. He was stripped, and every article of clothing was examined. They found much that Taylor wanted to keep. In a little square sacket card were found locks of the hair of Bill Taylor's children, and he pleaded to keep the card, but the deputies pulled the ribbons apart, and under them they found a powder. They turned over to Dr. Cook the Williams, a druggist. They made an analysis of it and pronounced it to be crystallized sulphate of styrene. While making the search, Deputy Roth thought he saw Taylor have something in his mouth, and he spoke to Taylor. Taylor denied it, but Sheriff Allen said:

"Bill, you must let us have what you have in your mouth."

Taylor wiped his hand across his mouth and started toward the window, but Sheriff Allen caught him and opened his hand. In it was a saw, about two inches long. Taylor said that he used it to clean his finger nails, but the Sheriff has it now.

It is the intention of Sheriff Stanley to search Taylor again to-morrow. A new suit will be prepared for him, and his hair and whiskers will be combed and his old clothes taken away. When he puts on his new suit there will be little chance for him to have anything left by means of which he could end his life.

Late this afternoon Dr. Cook and Fie Williams made an affidavit regarding the poison found on Taylor, and it was forwarded to Governor Stone.

After being searched, Taylor was taken to his cell in the jail. The whole lower floor has been reserved for him and two deputies, one from Carrollton and one from Lincoln, are locked in the cell with him. These guards will be changed every four hours. Two men will be with him all the time. There is no earthly chance for escape, and it is hardly possible that Taylor can cheat the gallows, unless the deputies are careless in their work. This is not probable.

All day long visitors had been admitted to the jail. Colonel Hale was one of the first visitors. He conferred with Taylor about the present prospect of his case. He told Taylor that M. D. Wilson was to be in Jefferson City and talk to the governor. Bill still has hopes that he will not hang. He expects the Governor to reprieve him for from 15 to 30 days. Dr. Tull called to see him, and told him that Father Kennedy of the Catholic church would be glad to call on him, but Bill said:

"I don't believe he could do any good. My mind is made up on that matter. What I need now is someone to help me get out of my trouble."

Sheriff Stanley has offered to call any minister that Taylor wants, but Bill is dead set against spiritual aid, and he will have none of it. He may change before Thursday.

All day long a crowd has been around the jail some to see the prisoner; others to see the scaffold. Several ladies took in the sights. To-night the city is quiet. Sheriff Stanley said to-day that he would keep Taylor here if the Governor granted more time, as he could hire deputies to guard him here as cheap as he can in Kansas City, and with two men on watch all the time Taylor will be as safe here as he would be in another jail.

To-night Governor Stone telegraphed to Sheriff Stanley to take all the precautions possible to keep Bill Taylor. The message would indicate that there is no relief to be expected from that quarter. Sheriff Stanley wired to the Governor that he had ten men on guard and that he thinks Bill Taylor will be sure to be alive on Thursday morning. There is some talk here to-night of sending a petition to the Governor, asking him not to interfere in the Taylor case, but it is now too late to do anything.

At 8:30 o'clock to-night the guards were changed. The jail is full of armed men, and it would be impossible to take Taylor from the Sheriff.

GOVERNOR REFUSED TO INTERFERE.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., April 28.—There seems to be but little prospect of a reprieve for William Taylor. Judge Mary C. Brown of Kansas City made an appeal for a stay to Governor Stone, but the Governor de-

clined to interfere with the course of the law, so far as the case has been presented to him. Whether or not any further effort will be made to-morrow for more time for Taylor is not known here.

## BLACKBURN'S POSITION.

The Senator Declares Himself on the Kentucky Situation.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—Senator Blackburn, of Kentucky, to-day dictated to a Post reporter the following statement for publication:

"My attention is being daily called to statements made in the newspapers all over the country of compromises, either agreed to or pending, between the gold standard advocates and those who think with me in Kentucky. These misrepresentations are so numerous and come from so many different quarters that I desire to answer one for all."

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## Robertson.

### A DANGEROUS MAN.

Insane Peter Egbert Kills Four Persons, Wounding Another.

ROCKVILLE, IND., April 25.—This morning Peter Egbert shot and killed Aggie and Herman Haske, children, together with Sheriff Mull and Deputy Sheriff William Sween. Mrs. Haske was also shot. She is still living, but will die. Egbert, who is insane, is still at large, but he is being hunted by a posse. Sheriff Mull and Deputy Sween lost their lives while trying to place Egbert under arrest.

LATER—Fifty or more men armed with shotguns and pistols, surrounded the fair grounds, where Egbert had fled. Egbert refused to surrender and was killed. He did not return the fire, but ran into a stall and sent a load of buckshot into his breast, dying instantly.

Egbert's sister, at the same hour he killed himself, died at the family home of typhoid fever. Young Egbert once confined a lunatic asylum, but was discharged as cured.

W. A. Morris' Bargains.

Twenty-two pound box of very fancy layer raisins for 85 cents. Just think of it. Twenty pounds of evaporated peaches for \$1; 25 pounds of country dried peaches for \$1; 20 pounds of seedless raisins for \$1; largest bottle extract of lemon in town for 10c; Battle Ace tobacco 20c a can; corn 5c; tomatoes 5c; apples 5c a can; peas 5c; pumpkins 5c a can; blackberries 5c a can; pie peaches 5c a can; table peaches 5c a can; gallon can of apples 15c. These canned goods are fine. Don't fail to try them. Morris' favorite brand of coffee is very strong and very fine in flavor. Don't fail to try it. I have the exclusive sale of this coffee. Sugar keeps going up. Try any a barrel and save money.

Respectfully,

W. A. MORRIS.  
P. S.—If you are not satisfied where you are trading I would like very much for you to give me a trial. I have lots of customers that have been trading with me for twenty years. This is the best recommendation I can give you.

## Century High Grade

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STONE'S SILVER ASSISTANTS.

The Men Who Will Work for Bland for the Presidency Named.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., April 28.—Governor Stone to-day announced the following as members of the executive committee selected at the St. Louis silver Democratic caucus Saturday: Lon V. Stephens, George W. Allen, Nicholas M. Bell, Joseph K. Rickey and Joseph W. Mercer. Governor Stone was added to the committee and made chairman. The Governor has written the members of this committee suggesting that Allen act as secretary and Stephens as treasurer.